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Dear Harold:

Everything seems to proceed here as normal. Elaine continues to improve rapidly as science defines the exact cause of her malady and prescribes the cure.

Jim Lesar phoned me last night late. On June 8 there will be a board meeting of the Assassin Research Center to discuss what to do. I will need a thinking cap on he said.

Bud left a \$150,000 trust fund to sustain the ARC; its interest is drawn from conservative investments. The fund is obviously way, way too low to even dream of doing what is minimally essential to keep the doors open. The additional hitch comes from the fact they must wait until the sister dies to collect the fund. They have money to keep the ARC open til July 1.

It is unbelievable that this state of affairs could come to pass by Bud Fensterwald. ^{inaction} Not even the rudimentary base for *sustaining* his great project has been lain down. I always thought his vanity would keep the thing plugging along in its sad way.

Now immediate decisions must be made on what to do. Previous comments by Jim and his buddy Mark on publications to raise the esteem and establish the credentials of the ARC through sophisticated publications, e.g., documentaries, finding guides, etc., now must be tossed overboard as they struggle to keep the boat afloat.

What contingencies have been set forth in the eventuality of a disaster? What to do with the collection, now starting to bulge at the seams? What about the preservation of delicate materials? and on and on.

Just a note to update you. Isn't it profoundly sad?

Regards

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